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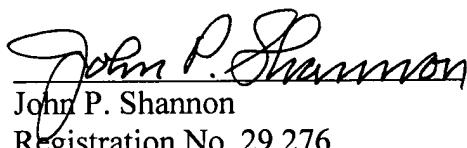
By the present Amendment, claims 3, 12, 15, 23, 24 and 29 have been rewritten in independent form, claims 1, 20 and 22 have been canceled, and claims 2, 11, 13, 21, 26, 28, 35 and 37 have been amended to depend from allowed claims rather than cancelled claims.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that all the claims presently pending in the application are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2-23-06

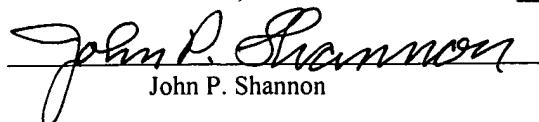

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